

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES Monday August 3, 2020, 7:00pm via the Zoom online platform

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Brian Loffredo, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski, Paul Provost; Lyann Graff, Lesley Munshower, Amy St'Onge, Tyra Penn Gesek, Stephanie Stroud (NPS), Lucille Langlois

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of minute from June 1, 2020 meeting

- Brian made a Lucille, seconded by John, All in favor.

Correspondence: No update

Finances: No update

Citizens' Comments:

- Lyann asked for a high resolution image of the Town of Thompson logo and Trails logo for TLGV. Tyra will get them to her

Trail Updates – John Kochinskas

- Mowing has been done from Mechanicsville to Lowell David Rd, parking lot done
- Brush fire behind Knights of Columbus
- No update given on crosswalks and pedestrian crossing signs
- Paul has check the Port O John 3 times in the last month and every time it has been clean

Events

- CT Trails Day Songwriting – Tyra reported will be wrapped up by end of August. Motion made by Karen to send thank you shirts to all contestants. Charlie seconded. All in favor. Tyra will get Karen the contestant contact information
- Turkey Trot – Lesley reported. Committee has met twice. Now have guidelines from the state. The Thompson dam will not accept a reservation. Committee exploring other locations. Major sponsorship letters have been sent. Must have location and major sponsorships confirmed by end of August.
- Cyclo cross event – Charlie reported it has been cancelled and postponed to March 2021
- TEEG bike safety demonstration – no update
- QVCC Tackle the Trail – Brian reported. Scheduled for October 17th. 20 mile race
- Other – John will be scheduling a Walktober event at Heritage Way

Train Wreck Project

- NPS will be scheduling a community design workshop for airline trail, will first take the design ideas from the walk through to have those ideas guide the conversation
- Tyra will call a meeting of this project task force to catch everyone up and set a date for the community design workshop in September
- Drone Video Project – Charlie gave an update
- Morning Beckons Farm – no update

Tools/Equipment

- John reported research on trailer. Visited place in Webster. 14 ft box trailer (\$4800 - \$5000), 16 ft trailer (\$5500), Karen suggested another place in Oxford
- Kubota – needs to be started. David will go with Charlie to check on it
- Concerns: make sure the trailer we purchase can also accommodate a brushcutter should we purchase one in the future
- Concern: does the trailer fall under the town insurance?
- Karen will look into a grant opportunity from DEEP
- Paul, Brian, and John will form a task force and get quotes for trailers and report at next meeting

Social Media/PR/Outreach/Maps/Brochures/Flyers

- Tyra reported the maps are done from Karen graphics
- TLGV video – no update

CT Trail Census Survey

- Charlie will calibrate the system timer

TLGV Wayfindings

- Reimbursement has been processed and will be coming back to Trails soon
- Polls results are back

Twelve Town Task Force

- No meeting since March

Reports from neighboring towns

- Lyann reported Putnam is working on establishing a trail behind the school

Other Business

- Charlie will forward an email from Douglas, MA
- Volunteer hours due to Karen by end of September

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm: Lucille made a motion, Charlie seconded

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, October 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Recording Link Below

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